

Gallen says Oscars a success for N.H.

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Gov. Hugh Gallen says the Academy Awards ceremonies were a tremendous evening for New Hampshire, showing off the state before a national television audience.

Gallen and Martha Leighton, executive director of the New Hampshire Television and Film Bureau, attended the ceremonies Monday night to cheer for the movie "On Golden Pond," filmed in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire in the summer of 1980.

"I thought it was a tremendous evening for New Hampshire," Gallen said by telephone. "We had the person who wrote the script win an award, we had Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn win the best actor and best actress awards and then we had Jane Fonda accept the award for her father and she mentioned how great the people were in New Hampshire, how warm and friendly they were, and what a beautiful part of the country it is, and how they enjoyed their summer there on the lake where they filmed that movie."

The film also had been one of the favorites to win the best picture award, but "Chariots of Fire" was the surprise winner. "On Golden Pond" had been nominated for 10 awards in all.

Jane Fonda had been nominated for the best supporting actress award for her part in the movie — the first time she had made a movie with her father — but that award went to Jean Stapleton for her role in "Reds."

Gallen and Ms. Leighton planned to stay in California for a few more days to meet with representatives of the movie industry to promote New Hampshire as the site for more films.

"From the list of studios I'm supposed to be meeting with, it's going to keep me very active in the next several days," he said. "If we can bring people to New Hampshire to show the rest of the country what New Hampshire is, what we have there, how great the people are, plus bring all that money into the state, it does nothing but improve the economy of the state."